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REF: (A) MANILA 3408, DTG 100741Z MAR 76, (B) JAKARTA
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1. I SHARE AMBASSADOR NEWSOM'S CONCERN THAT WE ARE
HEADING INTO CONFRONTATION WITH ARCHIPELAGIC STATES OVER
QUESTION OF TRANSIT REGIME AT LAW OF SEA CONFERENCE. I
ALSO ENDORSE HIS SUGGESTION THAT WE MODIFY OUR CURRENT
POSITION IN MANNER PROPOSED REF B.

2. IF SUCH AGREEMENT CAN BE WORKED OUT WITH INDONESIANS,
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I BELIEVE THERE IS STRONG POSSIBILITY PHILIPPINES WILL GO

ALONG. PRESIDENT MARCOS RAISED LAW OF SEA CONFERENCE WITH ME MARCH 9 AND INDICATED THAT HE CONSIDERED AL OTHER ISSUES SOLUBLE EXCEPT FOR QUESTION OF UNIMPEDED PASSAGE. HE REITERATED HIS OFFER TO CONCLUDE SEPARATE AGREEMENT WITH U.S. FOR UNIMPEDED PASSAGE, TO INCLUDE SUBMERGED PASSAGE, PROVIDED GENERAL REGIME OF INNOCENT PASSAGE IS TO BE STIPULATED IN OVERALL TREATY. HE SAID PHILIPPINES DOD NOT RPT NOT WISH TO PERMIT SOVIET AND CHINESE NAVAL VESSELS TO MOVE THROUGH THEIR ARCHIPELAGIC STRAITS AND WATERS AT WILL.

3. IN REF A, WE EXPRESSED OUR INTEREST IN KNOWING MORE ABOUT THE "SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS" THE HAS BEEN MADE ON ISSUE OF STRAITS PASSATE. IN ADDITION TO SUBSTANTIVE CLARIFICATION OF THIS ASSERTION, I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING WHETHER SUCH PROGRESS INVOLVES AGREEMENTS WITH THIRD PARTIES (ESPECIALLY SOVIETS AND PRC) WHICH MAY INVOLVE COMMON ATTITUDES TOWARDS ARCHIPELAGIC STATES. IN OTHER WORDS, IF US, USSR, AND PRC ARE GOING TO SURFACE A COMMON OR JOINT POSITION IN DIRECT CONFRONTATION TO POSITIONS OF INDONESIA AND PHILIPPINES, EMBASSIES JAKARTA AND MANILA SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THIS SOONEST. SULLIVAN

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